

REMARKS

Prior to examination, please enter the new Listing of Claims provided above. Applicants have amended claims 30, 32, 33, 36 and 42 and added new claims 48-64. Claims 30-64 are now pending.

The amendments to claims 30, 32, 33, 36 and 42 address minor grammatical issues unrelated to patentability.

With regard to the new claims, Applicants direct the Examiner to FIG. 12 and the corresponding description in Applicants' disclosure for support of the new claim limitations relating to widths of the land tops and depths of the grooves. Applicants note that the widths of the land tops in the replica correspond to the widths of the master groove bottoms (as illustrated in FIG. 12), in accordance with embodiments of the reverse optical mastering techniques described in Applicants' disclosure.

New claim 58 also introduces a new limitation of lands that correspond to interrupted grooves formed in the master disk. This limitation finds support in Applicants' disclosure at column 9, lines 27-29.


Applicants believe that all new claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge the additional claim fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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